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L3: Entry 2 of 7

File: USPT

Aug 24, 2004

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6781972 B1

TITLE: Method and system for subscriber-configurable communications service

Application Filing Date (1):
20000331

Detailed Description Text (46):

In step S20, once the data is filtered by the filter 116, the wireless data server 12 may perform appropriate actions based upon the applied filtering rules 118 and user preferences. The wireless data server 12 may deliver the filtered data message or perform another appropriate action in conformance with the active profile and one or more associated filtering rules. In one example, the wireless data server 12 may deliver a short messaging service message to the mobile station 26, which is indicative of the content of the complete data message to give the mobile station 26 a preview of the data message content. In another example, the wireless data server 12 may forward the filtered data message to a certain address. The wireless data server 12 may transmit the and forward the data message to a client 10 or 17. In yet another example, the wireless data server 12 may store the data message for future transmission or may merely delete the data message if the data message was filtered or blocked in accordance with the filtering rules 118.

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File: PGPB

May 16, 2002

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20020059363 A1

TITLE: DIGITAL INFORMATION LIBRARY AND DELIVERY SYSTEM WITH LOGIC FOR GENERATING FILES TARGETING A PLAYBACK DEVICE

Application Filing Date:19990119Detail Description Paragraph:

[0045] The client browser software 219 of client computer system 214 operates in cooperation with library management software 261 of library server 260 and the firmware resident on the mobile playback device 212 to provide a means by which a consumer may browse, preview, select, purchase, and take delivery of selected digital information content from digital information library server 260 across distribution network 240. The digital information content is typically downloaded to the client computer system 214 at the time of purchase, but it is possible to download digital information content either, 1) sometime after the purchase, or 2) multiple times after an initial purchase. The client browser 219 can be configured to download content to client computer system 214 without user intervention. In addition, portions of the client computer system 214 software itself or mobile playback device 212 resident software/firmware may be downloaded or updated from library server 260. The mobile playback device 212 resident software/firmware is downloaded through client computer system 214. If library server 260 has an updated or more recent copy of client computer system 214 software or mobile playback device 212 software/firmware, the library server copy is downloaded to replace the outdated version of the corresponding client computer system 214 software or mobile playback device software 212. The software is encrypted, scrambled, and digitally signed in a manner similar to the scrambling and delivery of the digital information files. Changes to the ID list, audio prompts, and other configuration data for playback device 212 can be downloaded in a manner similar to the downloading of software updates from library server 260.

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File: USPT

May 6, 2003

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6560651 B2

TITLE: Digital information library and delivery system with logic for generating files targeting a playback device

Application Filing Date (1):
19990119

Detailed Description Text (30):

The client browser software 219 of client computer system 214 operates in cooperation with library management software 261 of library server 260 and the firmware resident on the mobile playback device 212 to provide a means by which a consumer may browse, preview, select, purchase, and take delivery of selected digital information content from digital information library server 260 across distribution network 240. The digital information content is typically downloaded to the client computer system 214 at the time of purchase, but it is possible to download digital information content either, 1) sometime after the purchase, or 2) multiple times after an initial purchase. The client browser 219 can be configured to download content to client computer system 214 without user intervention. In addition, portions of the client computer system 214 software itself or mobile playback device 212 resident software/firmware may be downloaded or updated from library server 260. The mobile playback device 212 resident software/firmware is downloaded through client computer system 214. If library server 260 has an updated or more recent copy of client computer system 214 software or mobile playback device 212 software/firmware, the library server copy is downloaded to replace the outdated version of the corresponding client computer system 214 software or mobile playback device software 212. The software is encrypted, scrambled, and digitally signed in a manner similar to the scrambling and delivery of the digital information files. Changes to the ID list, audio prompts, and other configuration data for playback device 212 can be downloaded in a manner similar to the downloading of software updates from library server 260.

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L3: Entry 5 of 7

File: USPT

Jan 2, 2001

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6170060 B1

TITLE: Method and apparatus for targeting a digital information playback device

Application Filing Date (1):
19971003

Detailed Description Text (30):

The client browser software 219 of client computer system 214 operates in cooperation with library management software 261 of library server 260 and the firmware resident on the mobile playback device 212 to provide a means by which a consumer may browse, preview, select, purchase, and take delivery of selected digital information content from digital information library server 260 across distribution network 240. The digital information content is typically downloaded to the client computer system 214 at the time of purchase, but it is possible to download digital information content either, 1) sometime after the purchase, or 2) multiple times after an initial purchase. The client browser 219 can be configured to download content to client computer system 214 without user intervention. In addition, portions of the client computer system 214 software itself or mobile playback device 212 resident software/firmware may be downloaded or updated from library server 260. The mobile playback device 212 resident software/firmware is downloaded through client computer system 214. If library server 260 has an updated or more recent copy of client computer system 214 software or mobile playback device 212 software/firmware, the library server copy is downloaded to replace the outdated version of the corresponding client computer system 214 software or mobile playback device software 212. The software is encrypted, scrambled, and digitally signed in a manner similar to the scrambling and delivery of the digital information files. Changes to the ID list, audio prompts, and other configuration data for playback device 212 can be downloaded in a manner similar to the downloading of software updates from library server 260.

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L3: Entry 6 of 7

File: USPT

Jul 20, 1999

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5926624 A

TITLE: Digital information library and delivery system with logic for generating files targeted to the playback device

Application Filing Date (1):
19960912

Detailed Description Text (30):

The client browser software 219 of client computer system 214 operates in cooperation with library management software 261 of library server 260 and the firmware resident on the mobile playback device 212 to provide a means by which a consumer may browse, preview, select, purchase, and take delivery of selected digital information content from digital information library server 260 across distribution network 240. The digital information content is typically downloaded to the client computer system 214 at the time of purchase, but it is possible to download digital information content either, 1) sometime after the purchase, or 2) multiple times after an initial purchase. The client browser 219 can be configured to download content to client computer system 214 without user intervention. In addition, portions of the client computer system 214 software itself or mobile playback device 212 resident software/firmware may be downloaded or updated from library server 260. The mobile playback device 212 resident software/firmware is downloaded through client computer system 214. If library server 260 has an updated or more recent copy of client computer system 214 software or mobile playback device 212 software/firmware, the library server copy is downloaded to replace the outdated version of the corresponding client computer system 214 software or mobile playback device software 212. The software is encrypted, scrambled, and digitally signed in a manner similar to the scrambling and delivery of the digital information files. Changes to the ID list, audio prompts, and other configuration data for playback device 212 can be downloaded in a manner similar to the downloading of software updates from library server 260.

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File: PGPB

Feb 20, 2003

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20030036974 A1

TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AN ON DEMAND DATA DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR THE PREVIEW SELECTION, RETRIEVAL AND REPRODUCTION AT A REMOTE LOCATION OF PREVIOUSLY RECORDED OR PROGRAMMED MATERIALS

Application Filing Date:
19980513

Summary of Invention Paragraph:

[0008] The implementation of a commercially practical on demand data delivery system for the preview, selection, retrieval and reproduction at remote locations of titles on selected media within the time constraints of a retail shopping experience would eliminate or substantially reduce the deficiencies in current retail practices described above. It would afford a great commercial advantage both to retailers and producers using the system. In addition, the system would optimally satisfy consumer demand by providing virtually limitless inventory of popular titles which can be previewed and selected for purchase through an easy to use terminal that provides a unique shopping experience. Moreover, it would eliminate the need to produce and transport to remote locations previously recorded or programmed titles for which there is little or no consumer demand, resulting in a much more efficient use of energy and resources than is possible with existing practices.

Summary of Invention Paragraph:

[0010] The present invention is directed to a system for the preview, selection, retrieval and reproduction at remote locations of titles on selected media and for maintaining, at one or more primary storage facilities, accounting data associated with the preview, selection and/or reproduction (and sale) transactions. As contemplated in one preferred embodiment of the invention, data representing titles is "captured" and stored in one or more primary storage facilities (and in certain cases discussed below, at one or more remote locations where titles are reproduced). The captured data representing the title may include a reproducible audio portion, a full motion video/audio portion, a graphics and text portion, an accounting information portion and an identification portion which are stored in an item data file.

Detail Description Paragraph:

[0025] Shown in FIG. 1 is a general block diagram of a system embodying the present invention which allows a remote location such as a retail store to operate without having to maintain a large physical inventory of titles for distribution and/or resale. Generally speaking, the system shown in FIG. 1 permits a consumer (not shown) to select a specific title for preview or reproduction at a remote location 77 whereby digital information necessary for the preview or reproduction (on selected media) of the selected title is sent over communications network 50 to a remote server 70. If the selected title is to be reproduced, the remote server 70 delivers necessary data for reproduction of the selected title to a manufacturing control device 90 that controls a writing device corresponding to the selected product, i.e., CD writers 110, tape writers 130 or other format writers 140.

Detail Description Paragraph:

[0026] An item data file is generated for each title from corresponding items of material captured into the system. The item data file in the preferred embodiment described herein includes all the information necessary for the preview and reproduction on selected media at a remote location of a selected title. The item data file in the storage facility 30 will be retrieved by a remote location 77 for either reproduction by the manufacturing control device 90 or preview through the consumer interface terminal 160. In order to make the system commercially practical for purposes of transmitting data to remote locations 77 in realistic time periods, the audio data portion of the item of material is mathematically resampled and digitally compressed during the content capture process to reduce its size and thus shorten the overall transmission time of the related item data file over the communications network 50. The mathematical resampling process produces a data stream representation of the audio portion of the item of material which may be reduced to a fraction of its original size. Since in its original, unsampled and uncompressed format the audio portion represents a major portion of all the data in the item data file, and thus corresponds to a significant data storage requirement for the system, the ability to significantly reduce its size, corresponding storage space and transmission time results in an economic savings both in storage and in communication transmission costs and makes the system function within realistic commercial time constraints.

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File: USPT

May 23, 1995

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5418713 A

TITLE: Apparatus and method for an on demand data delivery system for the preview, selection, retrieval and reproduction at a remote location of previously recorded or programmed materials

Application Filing Date (1):
19930805

Brief Summary Text (10):

The implementation of a commercially practical on demand data delivery system for the preview, selection, retrieval and reproduction at remote locations of titles on selected media within the time constraints of a retail shopping experience would eliminate or substantially reduce the deficiencies in current retail practices described above. It would afford a great commercial advantage both to retailers and producers using the system. In addition, the system would optimally satisfy consumer demand by providing virtually limitless inventory of popular titles which can be previewed and selected for purchase through an easy to use terminal that provides a unique shopping experience. Moreover, it would eliminate the need to produce and transport to remote locations previously recorded or programmed titles for which there is little or no consumer demand, resulting in a much more efficient use of energy and resources than is possible with existing practices.

Brief Summary Text (13):

The present invention is directed to a system for the preview, selection, retrieval and reproduction at remote locations of titles on selected media and for maintaining, at one or more primary storage facilities, accounting data associated with the preview, selection and/or reproduction (and sale) transactions. As contemplated in one preferred embodiment of the invention, data representing titles is "captured" and stored in one or more primary storage facilities (and in certain cases discussed below, at one or more remote locations where titles are reproduced). The captured data representing the title may include a reproducible audio portion, a full motion video/audio portion, a graphics and text portion, an accounting information portion and an identification portion which are stored in an item data file.

Detailed Description Text (3):

Shown in FIG. 1 is a general block diagram of a system embodying the present invention which allows a remote location such as a retail store to operate without having to maintain a large physical inventory of titles for distribution and/or resale. Generally speaking, the system shown in FIG. 1 permits a consumer (not shown) to select a specific title for preview or reproduction at a remote location 77 whereby digital information necessary for the preview or reproduction (on selected media) of the selected title is sent over communications network 50 to a remote server 70. If the selected title is to be reproduced, the remote server 70 delivers necessary data for reproduction of the selected title to a manufacturing control device 90 that controls a writing device corresponding to the selected product, i.e., CD writers 110, tape writers 130 or other format writers 140.

Detailed Description Text (4):

An item data file is generated for each title from corresponding items of material captured into the system. The item data file in the preferred embodiment described herein includes all the information necessary for the preview and reproduction on selected media at a remote location of a selected title. The item data file in the storage facility 30 will be retrieved by a remote location 77 for either reproduction by the manufacturing control device 90 or preview through the consumer interface terminal 160. In order to make the system commercially practical for purposes of transmitting data to remote locations 77 in realistic time periods, the audio data portion of the item of material is mathematically resampled and digitally compressed during the content capture process to reduce its size and thus shorten the overall transmission time of the related item data file over the communications network 50. The mathematical resampling process produces a data stream representation of the audio portion of the item of material which may be reduced to a fraction of its original size. Since in its original, unsampled and uncompressed format the audio portion represents a major portion of all the data in the item data file, and thus corresponds to a significant data storage requirement for the system, the ability to significantly reduce its size, corresponding storage space and transmission time results in an economic savings both in storage and in communication transmission costs and makes the system function within realistic commercial time constraints.

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File: USPT

Aug 11, 1998

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5794217 A

TITLE: Apparatus and method for an on demand data delivery system for the preview, selection, retrieval and reproduction at a remote location of previously recorded or programmed materials

Application Filing Date (1):
19961203

Brief Summary Text (10):

The implementation of a commercially practical on demand data delivery system for the preview, selection, retrieval and reproduction at remote locations of titles on selected media within the time constraints of a retail shopping experience would eliminate or substantially reduce the deficiencies in current retail practices described above. It would afford a great commercial advantage both to retailers and producers using the system. In addition, the system would optimally satisfy consumer demand by providing virtually limitless inventory of popular titles which can be previewed and selected for purchase through an easy to use terminal that provides a unique shopping experience. Moreover, it would eliminate the need to produce and transport to remote locations previously recorded or programmed titles for which there is little or no consumer demand, resulting in a much more efficient use of energy and resources than is possible with existing practices.

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Detailed Description Text (4):

An item data file is generated for each title from corresponding items of material captured into the system. The item data file in the preferred embodiment described herein includes all the information necessary for the preview and reproduction on selected media at a remote location of a selected title. The item data file in the storage facility 30 will be-retrieved by a remote location 77 for either reproduction by the manufacturing control device 90 or preview through the consumer interface terminal 160. In order to make the system commercially practical for purposes of transmitting data to remote locations 77 in realistic time periods, the audio data portion of the item of material is mathematically resampled and digitally compressed during the content capture process to reduce its size and thus shorten the overall transmission time of the related item data file over the communications network 50. The mathematical resampling process produces a data stream representation of the audio portion of the item of material which may be reduced to a fraction of its original size. Since in its original, unsampled and uncompressed format the audio portion represents a major portion of all the data in the item data file, and thus corresponds to a significant data storage requirement for the system, the ability to significantly reduce its size, corresponding storage space and transmission time results in an economic savings both in storage and in communication transmission costs and makes the system function within realistic commercial time constraints.

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File: JPAB

Feb 20, 2002

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: JP 2002055679 A

TITLE: CONTENTS-GENERATING SERVICE SYSTEM, METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM

Abstract Text (2):

SOLUTION: In the system, when an original melody and an original parameter are inputted from a client terminal, such as a client personal computer 1 and a portable communication terminal 2 (U1, U2), a server 3 generates music data having added values according to the original melody (musical material information) and the original parameter (control data) from the client, and distribute them to the client as contents (value-added data) (S2). In this case, in addition to formal contents, first, the contents for hearing/preview (sample data of a result) are generated to distribute them to the client terminal 1 and 2. When a purchase request (U5) for the formal contents is verified as a result of the trial listening/preview (U3), accounting processing and the distribution of the formal contents (result data) are performed (S3 to S2).

Application Date (1):

20000608

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